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## Homecoming and the Spaghetti Supper Kick off the Holiday Season

Homecoming 1993 was another great success for M.B.A. It all started, of course, with the Spaghetti Supper ticket sales. This year, fifty dollars worth of tickets had to be sold to ensure a holiday from school, as each student had to work a little harder.

All worked out well, however, as most everyone found a way to sell (or buy themselves) these extra four tickets. On Friday, October 29, the festivities began. First, it began with a half-day for all students and a somewhat relaxed dress code (homecoming T-shirts were allowed).

Late that afternoon, of course, was the ever-famous Spaghetti Supper. Featuring homemade spaghetti, salad, bread, and brownies, the dinner again attracted hundreds of parents, students, alumni, and friends to the M.B.A. gym. Praise for the food and service was unanimous.

At 7:30, the game began. Hillwood High School had attempted to dampen the

night by decorating the field and the cannons, but all in vain. They soon suffered defeat at the hands of the Big Red.

At halftime of the game,

the 1993

Home-

coming

Court was

announced.

Freshman

attendee

Veeve

Broadbent,

sophomore

attendee

Brianne

Frazier,

and junior

attendants

Karah Bates

and Jennifer

Wolfe were

escorted

by the Service

Club V.P. Toby

Gibson, Student

Council President

Jim Bowen, Student

Council Secretary

Andy Barrett

and President of the

Service Club/Editor-in-Chief

of *The Bell* Michael Haslam

respectively.

The announcement

by Jim Bowen and Sandeep Soni

of Homecoming Queen took on added suspense, however, as the winner was not announced until halftime. Thus, Brenda Anderson, escorted by

tifal courts. On Saturday, the festivities finally wound down with the Homecoming dance. The dance was a success, and the Big Red Club earned close

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The vote was very close but the crowd of dancers, primarily Juniors voted Dave and Mark finalists.

Dave edged out Mark after close inspection of the costumes, but Mark still protests the authenticity of Dave's leisure suit.

The dance would not have been a success without the help of the chaperones. Robert West would like to thank Mrs. Thurmond, Mr. Womack, Dr. Griffith, and Mr. Warshawsky for their time and wonderful help. And special thanks to those who helped set the stage, lights, and sound system for this memorable holiday.



*The Spaghetti Supper: Another Outstanding Success of the Mother's Auxilirie*

Honor Council President Taylor Harris, was announced queen, with her two senior attendants being Julie Asbury and Nikki Voisey, escorted by Robert West, Senior Class President and Editor-in-Chief of the *Bell Ringer* and Chad White, Senior Class Vice-President, respectively. It was another in a long line of beau-

tiful courts. On Saturday, the festivities finally wound down with the Homecoming dance. The dance was a success, and the Big Red Club earned close

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## Student Council Looks For A Purpose F.C.A. Looks Towards 1994

by Jim Bowen Student Council President

The Student Council began this year by electing officers in early December. After seeing Jim Bowen elected President, Derrick Buckspan elected Vice-President, Andy Barrett elected Secretary, and Michael Haslam elected Treasurer, Jim asked, "What am I supposed to do?"

When no one could give an answer, Jim decided his first job as President of the Student Body would be to define the purpose of the Student Council.

The Student Council would like for the entire student body to contact their various representatives with problems, suggestions, or anything that they think the

Student Council should do. Topics already to be addressed in their first meeting in January are Lunch Room improvements, better student phone access, and a more efficient Absent Return Slip.

In January, Jim hopes to be able to write a charter for the Student Council so that the leaders of the school will not waste half of the year before they even know who the President of the Student Body will be and once elected these leaders will know what they are supposed to do. Jim feels confident that once everyone gets organized, our Student Council will be a powerful advocate for the needs of the students.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Montgomery Bell Academy has had a great start this year.

Lead by President Joey DeLemos, Vice-President Barrett Rose, Secretary David Brown, and Treasurer Dave Sifford, FCA has tackled a number of very difficult Christian problems. Such topics as "Perseverance," "Why Bad Things Happen to Good People," and "Walking with God," have led to enlightening discussions and enjoyable communion with fellow MBA Christians.

The highlight of this year has been the volleyball game at Chad White's house. Although the team of David Brown, Dave Sifford, Rob Welhoelter, and Kit Ozburn,

dominated the competition, every one had a wonderful time, and I would like to thank the Whites'.

The officers have been studying the projects of years past to create an exciting 1994. We hope to have many successful joint meetings with Harpeth Hall and create some annual events which will become tradition at MBA.

Projects such as Bowling at Melrose, a Yawn Off, and Chubby Bunny have been popular in the past and we hope to continue them in the future. (Congratulations to Mark Dunkerley for his victory over Barrett Rose, 30 marshmallows vs 25 in the 1993 Chubby Bunny).

I would like to thank

everyone who has been coming to the meetings and would like to encourage all to meet with us every Thursday evening. Remember, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13.)

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*The Bell Ringer  
would like to wish  
everyone a safe and  
happy Holiday Season*



## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

## Legacy of Dr. Douglas Paschall

Robert L.  
WestEditor-in-  
Chief

On Monday, November 15, 1993, Dr. Paschall made the announcement that he suffers from carcinoma of the pancreas. In following, he announced that he would retire as headmaster of Montgomery Bell Academy at the end of the school year. This news shocked the student body. As a Senior who began at M.B.A. as a seventh grader

in 1988, I have seen every day of Dr. Paschall's time at M.B.A. Nowhere can I recall a man who has made such a positive contribution to any organization. From 1988 to 1993, M.B.A.'s campus has changed. With the Davis Building, newly renovated Ball Hall, Wallace Hall, and debate building, and newly landscaped grounds, Dr. Paschall's legacy of physical changes to the school is secure. Also, the founding of a music program and drama program coupled with new curriculum requirements giving

students a more rounded high school education demonstrate Dr. Paschall's dedication to the total improvement of the school. Dr. Paschall, the man, has also made deep, lasting impressions on the school. His strength as a speaker, dedication to the moral character of the students, and aura of intellect make him the leader of and role model for every student of Montgomery Bell Academy. All of our prayers are with you and your family, Dr. Paschall. We hope to make the 1993-1994 school year a success in your honor.

## Smoking: A Policy too Long Ignored at

## M.B.A.

"As a matter of resolute policy, the possession, use, or appearance under the influence of any mood-altering chemical (alcohol, marijuana, tobacco, or any other such drug) by an MBA student on Montgomery Bell Academy property or at any MBA school function—except under specific medical prescription—is strictly prohibited." These words are required reading in MBA's Student Handbook. I ask, "How can students be held to this resolution when MBA's Faculty and

Staff breaks the resolution against smoking every day." Most students know which Faculty members smoke. When a teacher passes back a paper and the paper has yellow stains on it or reeks of cigarette smoke, the teacher is immediately defined as a **Smoker**. Smoking teachers no longer have the respect of many students and often are the butt of jokes. In other cases, teachers are the role models for student

smoking.

Last week the *Bell Ringer's* storage office became a faculty "smoking lounge." Some say I have a sensitive nose, but I feel the lounge has created a residue of cigarette smoke throughout all of Carter Hall. I will not bore anyone with the proven effects cigarette smoke has on adolescents, but I am calling for an immediate removal of smokers from the MBA campus, including the *Bell Ringer's* storage office!

## N.A.F.T.A. and the Asian Economic Empire

Jason  
Bennett  
Opinions  
Editor

I'm not going to dwell on my last opinion for long, but I would like to set the record straight on a few items. First, I do not hate the Senior class. I'm a Senior myself, and I don't hate myself. We have some flaws, but my pointing them out does not mean I hate the class. Second, I never compared our class to last year's class. To do so would be unfair to everyone involved. Any implied comparison is accidental. Finally, I'd like to set the record straight on Mr. Patrick's comment at one of the class meetings. He referred to certain comments people had made about our unity, whereupon everyone turned to look at me. He was not, however, referring only to me. It seems that others have expressed this opinion in essays that Mr. Patrick has read, so apparently I am not

the only one who feels this way. To sum it up, we are a good class. I never denied that nor will I ever. We are not, however, a perfect class as we see ourselves. We as a class have some flaws that need correction, and we cannot gloss over them just by repeating that we are a good class.

Now for some politics.... As you all know, the North American Free Trade Agreement, NAFTA, was passed by Congress a few weeks ago. This agreement will phase out taxes on imports and exports between the three countries over the next five years. Its proponents proclaimed the beginning of a great boom in the economy, while its critics proclaimed a new depression. Neither side is correct, obviously, although I feel NAFTA will do more harm than good. NAFTA is behind us, however, and before us is the new Asian trade agreement. The countries on the Pacific Rim have joined together to

try and develop their own free-trade zone that would have a marked impact on the global economy. The implications for Japan and the US, two members of the group, are astounding. Our major complaint has been Japanese trade barriers that serve to protect their industries and keep ours out. Their rice tariff is infamous for keeping the growers in Japan afloat when they could not hope to compete on the world market because of price. Japan consistently practices a policy of protectionism while dumping products on other countries. The new trade agreement would phase this practice out, drastically changing the world trade scene. World trade would definitely increase, with the US standing to gain much from an open Asia. The US should push for an Asian trade agreement because it would not only benefit the US economy but the world economy as a whole.

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## N.A.F.T.A. and the World

Zach  
Skipper  
Staff  
Writer

"There's a great fog over NAFTA.", at least that's what a recent Newsweek told us. Everyone tells us it's about jobs, but in reality the North American Free Trade Agreement will mean only marginal job losses or gains in any country. Richard Gephardt and Ross Perot, leaders of the Anti-NAFTA supporters, feared devastating job losses to Mexico as a result of the agreement. These two gentlemen must be remembering that between 1980 and 1992, 386,000 jobs were created in Mexico. They must have forgotten, however that this number is only 2% of the jobs created in the U.S. during that same time. The immediate impact of NAFTA will be small.

Labor is not significantly cheaper in Mexico than the U.S. Mexican companies

are required to provide workers with free lunches and long, paid vacations.

This is just one misconception about N.A.F.T.A. Through an open trade agreement with Mexico and Canada (don't forget they're in North America too) the United States makes a statement of national self-confidence. We are befriending our neighbors to the south with hopes of improving their standard of living, trade capabilities, as well as improving global trade appeal. NAFTA won't hurt! One of the most promising benefits of the agreement will be the almost certain decrease in the burdensome immigration nuisance.

After so much harsh criticism in all of the debate, I'd like to offer some optimism. It was astounding how fervently the nation poured out interest in this seemingly minor issue. The people of our great country should be praised for passionately standing behind their beliefs.



## NEWS

## M.B.A. Welcomes Mr. Patrick



**Ted  
Callahan**  
Staff  
Reporter

Robert Patrick. Two first names. . . weird. Actually, Mr. Patrick seems to be a Renaissance man. He possesses: an erudite foundation, a passion for the arts, the motivation to succeed, and a realistic concept of his place and his mission. The father of a bright, athletic, musical eighth grader at Harpeth Hall, and the husband to a caring and intellectual wife, Mr. Patrick is a family man, as well. His kind and compassionate demeanor and his carefully constructed sentences depict a man who has enjoyed a variety of experiences and gained something of value from all of them.

He places a high priority on learning from one's own experiences. As a freshman out of Kenyon College, he travelled through France for a year, reading and playing the guitar. Then his travels brought him back to the States, where he drove a truck for Coca-

Cola®, taught tennis, joined the army, spent a year and a half in Ethiopia, and then finished his studies at Kenyon. Upon his graduation, he married Martha Stearns, an American Studies major at Smith College. From his experiences teaching at such schools as the Taft School and Durham Academy, he developed a propensity for the unpredictable. This taste for the unexpected led him to law school, but after two years of intense study, he realized that he had no desire to deal with the intricacies of the law. He acquired his law degree with no intention of ever practicing law.

One of Mr. Patrick's favorite and most rewarding jobs consisted of designing, marketing, and implementing a summer program for Lake Forest Academy. He was asked to create a summer program for failing students. He realized the need for a different approach to the material, because he "doubted that students who had been unsuccessful for nine months of typical class experiences were likely to perform much differently in yet another month of the same approach."

With this principle in mind, he designed a program in which the unsuccessful student was paired with a graduate student. This program provided an ideal learning environment without peer distractions, for the student was secure in the knowledge that his or her graduate student or teacher would encourage him intellectually and provide him with a specific study program. Indeed, the results were spectacular in this "environment of balanced recreation and cultural stimulation."

His main reason for moving to Nashville and leaving an already prosperous career at Durham University was to have a chance to work with Dr. Paschall. Montgomery Bell's tradition, facilities, talent, and family support were other factors that influenced his decision. He also found that the range of the school's academic and physical facilities, along with the school's ability to provide good college preparation for a wide range of student's capabilities. The blending of traditional prep school curriculum with our fine arts program, which is unique

to M.B.A., was another factor in his decision. Although Mr. Patrick was reluctant to leave Lake Forest Academy, he desired a "balance of teaching English and administering," a balance no longer possible at Durham University. He found that M.B.A. was an opportunity "to take advantage of some excellent school and community resources to establish a model college counseling program" as well as providing him with the balance he sought. Mr. Patrick prides being exposed to the students on a very personal level: "I can work closely with students and families, serve as a resource and advocate, and have students see me as someone who is on their side rather than as an authority figure."

Mr. Patrick's approach is similar to his life in a number of ways. He challenges the student to think independently, to develop a set of personal criteria concerning what he desires in a college. He looks at the student's criteria and finds colleges that are tailor-fitted to the student's needs. Stressing experience as a test "to discover whether the 'fit' feels right," Mr. Patrick pro-

poses college visits. "Don't trust rankings in a college guidebook or popular feeling for information on college; instead go and experience the college for yourself," Mr. Patrick says. The need for seriousness as well as levity is also necessary in the stressful application process. Mr. Patrick wants students to learn to strike a balance between being busy and being challenged. He advises students to choose difficult courses because they interest them, not just to receive AP credit.

Mr. Patrick also feels that adaptability is the key to the ever-changing job market. To gain adaptability, versatility is important as well: to be prepared for a set of careers is imperative in this day and age. He cites that many young people today change careers six times and eighty percent of available jobs are not advertised. Each student must be able to compute, organize, analyze, and synthesize information to flourish both in college and in one's career. Thus diversity and adaptability seem to be the key to success for Mr. Patrick, our Renaissance college counselor at M.B.A.

## Debate Team Conquers World



**Clay  
Risen**  
Staff  
Reporter

The debate team is, as was predicted, doing superbly on all levels. In varsity policy, MBA broke both teams at the Wake Forest Early Bird, with the team of Risen-Womack dropping in the double octos and Hartman-Kambam dropping in octos. The following week, the team of Risen-Wesley reached the quarters round at the Des Moines Valley Invitational, qualifying them for the Tournament of Champions. Also, that weekend, the Hartman-Kambam team made

the quarterfinal round at the Charlotte Latin Round Robin. At the New York City Invitational, Praveen and Clay upset several top national teams to break 5th seed and reach the quarters round, and Eric and Clay broke the very next week



at St. Mark's.

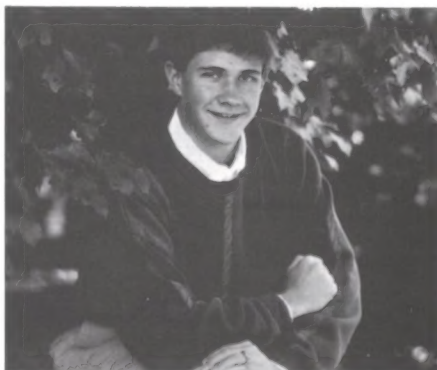
The novices have an equally impressive record, closing out the final rounds of the Decatur and John Carroll tour-

naments, as well as reaching the Quarters and Final round of the prestigious Glenbrooks. As for the whole team, the most successful outing proved to be the Homewood Patriot Classic. Having won the varsity and novice policy divisions and seeing Jim Miller in Varsity L-D and Ben Purser in Novice L-D reach the quarters round, the team watched Mr. Tate receive a real nifty painting as the 2nd overall award.

In January, MBA will host the Southern Bell tournament, which is ranked among the three most prestigious tournaments in the nation. Competition includes the Varsity Policy division and the National Lincoln-Douglas Round Robin with competitors from as far as California.

## SENIOR BIOPICTURES AND CORRECTIONS ARE DUE FRIDAY DECEMBER 16, 1993

**MICHAEL 'Renee'**  
LIFESTYLE PORTRAITURE  
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## Taylor Harris

Taylor is the President of the Honor Council, a member of the Cum Laude society, Copy Editor of the Bell Ringer, and captain of the Cross-Country Team

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## ENTERTAINMENT

## CHURCH BALL MANIA



**Mark  
Hardison**  
**Staff  
Writer**

While the MBA basketball team prepares for the start of its 93-94 campaign, a season of equal importance tips off December 4. Many of MBA's finest athletes and some former Big Red athletes will take part in the blood, sweat, and tears of church basketball on Saturday mornings for the next two and a half months. After a year of recruiting, making predictions, and trash-talking in the football locker room, this season should be the one that will last in the minds of many as the greatest ever.

Glen Leven, Belle Meade Methodist, Christ Methodist, Belmont, and St. Bartholomew's will all find themselves in the cellar this season. After winning the championship last season, Belle Meade will be hurting to reach .500, leaving many of its faithful wondering what went wrong. Mark Solesby, though, will keep his head up and help his team to reload next year. Just ask Myr Wilson about

Christ Methodist. They have won one game in the last three seasons. Glen Leven will also be in the category of pitiful teams because of its lack of size and talent. Belmont will give many teams tough games, but will fall short too often. Keys to any type of success for this team are the recovery of Tommy Brown from his back injury and the ability of Stuart Smart to feed the ball to Andrew Ross in the paint. St. Bartholomew's, under the leadership of Dan Ferguson and Fletcher Tidwell, will also have upset potential. Fletcher vows revenge on Jim Bowen for the big league hit he received at half-court last year, but his efforts will be in vain. The lack of mental toughness marked by this team's constant whining will keep St. Bart's from reaching the second round of the playoffs.

In the hunt for the championship will be Calvary, Westminster, and First Presbyterian, all hated rivals. After losing the championship to Belle Meade last year, Calvary will practice harder than ever to regain the title. It seemed as though this team would be hurting this year after graduating many players,

but Loren Nash was able to acquire former Belle Meade star Chris Woods. While this deal will certainly pay off this season, Calvary is under the investigation of league officials for recruiting violations, and their playoff status in seasons to come will be in jeopardy. The Green Hornets of Westminster also brought in many recruits in the off-season, including Big Red quarterback Parkes Owen, wingback Jackson Dale, and tightend Franklin Jarman, who is determined to bounce back from a knee injury. Speculations of luring Ben Corbett and Will Coles to Hornet basketball never materialized, though. John Beardon says, "If you come into the paint against Westminster, be prepared to hit the floor," but this mentality only works for First Presbyterian. And how about the First Pres' Pride? They are 'Back in Black' and still steamed about being cheated in last season's playoffs. With all three football captains, quarterback Andrew Walker, a returning All-Star (Mark Hardison), the possible arrival of Bob West, and the strong cast of Jim Bowen, Stephen

*Please see, Church Ball, page 6*

## Project Graduation



**Jim  
Bowen**  
**News  
Editor**

Midway through the first semester, this year's senior class is already making and finalizing plans for the 1994 edition of Project Graduation. Headed this year by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Sloan and Mr. and Mrs. Tad Harris, the Class of 1994 is hoping to make this year's version the most successful ever. On graduation night in early June, the seniors and their chosen companions will head to the Vanderbilt Stadium Club for an evening of live music, food, and many other forms of entertainment. So far, much progress has been made. A steering committee of 12 seniors representing the entire lay of the class has been formed and has met on numerous occasions to make plans for the evening. The committee has already decided on a casino theme. There will be a single band playing for around two hours, along with a magician (a major highlight of last year's event), Nintendo,

a VCR, and plenty of good food. Throughout the night periodic drawings will be held, with a prize going to each senior and a grand prize totaling 1000 dollars going to the lucky winner. The evening will run from 11:00 P.M. to 5:00 A.M. and should be a great success. Right now, however, the steering committee is still looking for help, both from fellow seniors and their parents. Each parent is asked for a modest donation of one hundred dollars to help pay for the incredible evening. All the money will go to pay for the band, location, food, etc...and is much needed. Other funds will come from local businesses and other donations. From the seniors we are looking for any suggestions or ideas that would make the evening more enjoyable. Ideas about bands, food, activities, or anything else are greatly appreciated. We look forward to any suggestion or questions about the night. Project Graduation 1994 should be another great success for all. It will provide a fun, safe graduation that will be exciting and memorable for all.

## Holiday Blockbuster: DoubtFire



**Beau  
Tidwell**  
**Staff  
Writer**

Good morning, it's time for a healthy breakfast! No, it's time for my second annual holiday movie roundup.

First up is *Addams Family Values* starring Raul Julia and Anjelica Houston. The movie is hilarious as a single piece, but never quite lives up to the original in terms of style and drama. They laugh, they cry, and they burn yuppies at the stake, they're the Addams Family, and they're sure to be in theaters for a long time. Next, we come to the *Three Musketeers*, a 90's revival of Alexander Dumas' classic. Buckle your swashes, kids, because the swordplay here is not to be believed!

Stuck babysitting and looking for a way to kill two hours of hyper-active time? Try taking the kiddos to *We're Back: A Dinosaur's Story* or *Beethoven's 2nd* (that's a lot of dogs), neither of which look very good but which might keep them quiet. On the other hand, if trying to drive and babysit at the same time seems to be a problem, try renting *The Muppet's Christmas Carol*, which is finally out on video and is a hilarious little movie if you love the Muppets, and how can anyone not? But I digress; I'm here to talk about this year's holiday movies.

Without a doubt, the best thing in the theaters now is *Mrs. Doubtfire*. Robin Williams' new hit wherein he gets to dress up as an old British woman so he can see his kids again. In the space of two short scenes, Robin runs

through about twenty different voices and around twelve different costumes of various gender. This movie is a must-see for everyone who claims to appreciate comedy of anti-drug commercials (you'll understand that one about fifteen minutes into the film)!

Looking ahead, *Wayne's World 2* looks to be just as bizarre as the first when the boys from Illinois stage a "Waynestock" concert with Aerosmith and Tia Carrere (well, can you spell her name?). Oh yeah, for all you serious-types out there, Clint Eastwood squints and shoots at Kevin Costner in *A Perfect World* and Anthony Hopkins plays some British guy with problems in *Remains of the Day*, a sure hit with *Howard's End* fans and certain to be just as big at the awards next year. Well, that's about it, so Merry Christmas and good bye!

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## ENTERTAINMENT

Invalid, 5 Pack, and Lear Break  
New Ground in Theatre

**Lewis Jones**  
ENT.  
Writer

A while back the MBA theater hosted "The Imaginary Invalid" by Moliere. The play itself is about a wealthy Parisian man (Argan, played by Paul Thompson) who wants to marry his eldest daughter, Angelique (Crispin Davis) off to a family of doctors (Rob Hancock and Bill Siesser), simply so he can have a doctor in the family to take care of him. This sets up a twisted love triangle, for Angelique is in love with Cleante (Bradley Coburn), who unfortunately is not a doctor.

The first and second acts were extremely entertaining and actually had some logical progression. Paul Thompson was his usual brilliant self. Sarah Phillips gave an excellent performance, as usual. But, Beau Tidwell's appearance was a stroke of genius. He did some kinda funky, hip-hop, wacked-out, Italian Stallion accent, while playing the pseudo-neurotic lawyer Bonnefoy. It was worth going to the play simply to see Beau's hilarious performance.

Then, after intermission, something happened. The third act started and kept going and going and going and going until all of a sudden it erupted into a swirling pool of chaos with screaming actors running around on stage, people knocking things over and singing. Somehow unbeknownst to me, the play turned into a musical led by Bradley Coburn and Crispin Davis.

Fortunately, the play ended just shy of three hours and right before I fell asleep. But nonetheless, the acting was very impressive, the costumes were perfect, and the set was brilliant. Obviously

another fine directing job by Mr. Whiteman. The play itself was a little long, but it was worth seeing. MBA is definitely full of truly great actors.

More recently than "The Imaginary Invalid" was



Coburn and Davis take the lead

the student directed one act plays under the general rubric "All's Fair in Love and War".

The 5-pack opens with Mark Twain's "War



The Invalid and Attendants

Prayer" featuring Sarah Phillips, Crispin Davis, Rob Hancock and myself. The following play is "Christmas" starring Shawn Lehman, David Hofstetter, and Katherine Todd/ Amy Knowles. The next is a war play entitled "Homer" starring Will O'Hare and Sam



The Players of the 5 Pack

Limor and others. "Sniper" was the fourth play, led by

David Berry, Bill Siesser, Christian Schütz, Bradley Coburn, and Shawn Lehman. This is probably the best play. Finally, the last play is "Spiked Punch." It stars myself, Michael Haslam, Shawn Lehman, Sarah Phillips, and Amy Knowles.

Months of rehearsing yielded an excellent production led by the directing brilliance of Rob Hancock, Beau Tidwell, Will O'Hare, Bill Siesser, and Brooks Martin.

Opening night was a success with no noticeable mistakes. And then came Friday night, which started out with Katherine Todd, a lead actress in "Christmas", becoming suddenly stricken with strep throat and unable to perform.

So, two hours before showtime, Amy Knowles began looking at Katherine's script for the first time. Amazingly enough, she managed to memorize an incredible amount of lines and give an excellent performance. After this scare, all actors were drunk with nervousness. Each play experienced slight flaws. I myself even managed to totally freeze on stage.

Saturday was by far the best performance. No lines were missed, no cues were skipped, and it was on tape! We closed Sunday with another fine performance and managed to finish the 5-pack with only one bad night.

Overall, the play ran well, there was no extremely bad acting, and everyone breathed an intoxicating sigh of relief when it was finally over.

King Lear which will undoubtedly be another fine play is getting geared up for production in 1994. Everyone is encouraged to support the Theatre even though we charge students for their support.

## County Music Today



**Jim Bowen**  
News  
Editor

When Garth Brooks signed his first record contract several years ago, Nashville finally awoke. Epitomizing the new country star - bright, handsome, and raised on early rock and roll, Brooks became an instant success. Not since Urban Cowboy had country music demanded such attention, and never before had it captured as wide an audience. For many different reasons, the past few years have marked a rebirth of country music and its permanent induction into American popular culture. Most appealing about the new wave of country music is its distinct sound. Today's music blends the drum and electric guitar with the more traditional sounds of the steel guitar, fiddle, and banjo. Lyrically, it emphasizes broken hearts, hard work, and good times that appeal to all ages and backgrounds. There is no headbanging, lip-synching, or "cop-killing," only simple, well-written lyrics put to ear-catching harmonies. A second reason for the renaissance of country music is the appeal of the singers themselves. Country music singers are not icons, but normal, everyday people. Though many are quite rich, handsome, and famous, they are not out of touch. For example, at Fan Fair in July, one can

personally meet all his favorite singers in a single day. Inside Nashville's many restaurants, museums, and bars, one can frequently spot them enjoying their free time like everyone else. Unlike Michael Jackson or Madonna, country music singers are seen as normal, friendly, and human. Finally, country music has achieved great success due to the outstanding business sense of the singers, songwriters, and record companies. Seeing the enormous success of Garth Brooks, Clint Black, and "the new country around," the industry has rushed to find new stars, make new records, and write new songs, all in the new mold. Travis Tritt, Billy Ray Cyrus, and Alan Jackson, just to name a few, have all capitalized on the new interest in country music. Singers like Brooks and Trisha Yearwood have used their business and commercial backgrounds to sell more records and attract more fans. Record companies, too, have capitalized, flooding newspapers, magazine covers, and television with the faces and names of their new stars. Many people are bored with rap and rock and are seeking a new sound. Country music, no longer small-town, backwards, and unappealing, has capitalized, using a new sound, accessible stars, and keen business tactics to establish a permanent place in American popular culture.

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## SPORTS

## Montgomery Bell Basketball Team Begins Quest for State Title



**Andy Barrett**  
Sports  
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After a fall of grueling workouts, the 1993-94 MBA Basketball Team is on the brink of another successful season. With four returning starters, the team has its sights on its first state championship since basketball became a sanctioned TSSAA sport.

Official practice began on November 1st, and the team hasn't looked back since. In the preseason the Big Red scrimmaged perennial powerhouses such as BGA (defending class A state champion), Hendersonville, Franklin, Oakland, and Goodpasture. The team played well in these preseason encounters as each game was marked by dramatic improvement.

As the preseason comes to a close, the team seems primed for the season opener.

This year's team is led by four seniors: Russ Allen, Andy Barrett, Ben Corbett, and Jonathon Henderson. Other important players include Will Coles, Mark Dunkerly, Ted Morrissey, Logan Verner, Rob Welhoelter, Allan Cermak,

Michael Godwin, and Grant Martin. Despite its small number of players, the team is not lacking in spirit. Look for another exciting year of Big Red basketball.

On November 23, the 1993-94 Big Red Basketball Team kicked off its regular season schedule with a trip to



Stratford High School. The team started off impressively, nearly shutting out the Spartans in the first quarter of play. The Spartans battled back, however, narrowing the Big Red margin to eight points in the fourth quarter. In the end, MBA prevailed by a score of 72-59 with the help of excellent team defense and accurate free throw shooting.

During the Thanksgiving Break, the team hosted and competed in the Keysear Invitational Tournament. In its first matchup, MBA faced a highly touted White House squad, a team that was ranked 2nd in the midstate in Class AA. The Red massacred the opponents by a score of 96-63. Ben Corbett ripped an incredible seven 3-pointers, on his way to 30 points. The next foe in this tournament was the defending state champions, David Lipscomb. Despite getting off to a slow start, the Big Red began to find the mark, and gained the lead at the intermission. Lipscomb rallied early in the second half, but MBA was too much, as the team's sharpshooters combined for 14 3-pointers in an 86-65 victory. In the final, the Red was pitted against the perennial powerhouse Oakland. The game was close throughout, but MBA came up short, suffering its first defeat of the season (60-51).

After the break, MBA journeyed to Hillsboro in its first district matchup of the season. After jumping out to an early 18-point lead, the Burros closed the gap to just five points with three minutes to play. Once again, free throw shooting was the key in this

80-71 triumph.

Next, MBA traveled to Marist High School in Atlanta to face Baylor and Cleveland. Baylor came out gunning, as they canned ten 3-pointers against the Big Red. MBA overcame Baylor's accuracy with team defense and strong inside play by Will Coles. Coles paced the team by posting an impressive triple-double (14 points, 10 rebounds, and 10 blocked shots). An athletic Cleveland squad was next on the agenda. Intensity was the story in this game; MBA began strong and embarrassed Cleveland with a 34-point victory.

The following Tuesday, MBA faced Whites Creek at the Creek in an all important district showdown. Whites Creek seemed unbeatable in the first half, shooting well over 50% from the field. MBA remained close the whole game, and gained possession of the ball, down by one point, with :24 seconds remaining. With :14 seconds left, Andy Barrett hit a 3-pointer that clinched the victory (78-77) for the Red. Will Coles

claimed another impressive performance, tallying 32 points.

The victory against the Creek brought MBA's record to 7-1, while placing the team atop the district. On Friday, December 10, MBA faced Hillwood in another important district showdown. The well hyped talent of Charles Hathaway proved to be quite a disappointment as he was held to only 12 points. Ben Corbett led the MBA attack with 16 points as the Big Red rolled to a 62-56 victory. The majority



of the district games resume after the Christmas Break. Come out and support Big Red basketball!

## Church Ball

Ward, and assistant coach Ed Martin, how can this team be denied of bringing home the championship? This juggernaut looks to go undefeated [TH: GOOD LUCK!]. As Matt King put it, "We will rock you."

Taylor Harris, Bradley Sloan, and David Brown will guide First Baptist without doubt to their league championship, and St. Henry's, composed of Charlie Thombs, Andy Cortis, Billy Hancock, and Monte Poe should attract the attention of many in their league as well. These two powers are further evidence that there should be a city-wide playoff system to name the hands-down champion.

One Should Add Church Ball is not Governed by the TSSAA

## Final Football

by Ben Griffin

1. Florida State (11-1-0) Simply Awesome
2. Tennessee (9-1-1) Would love a National Playoff now
3. Notre Dame (10-0-1) Late season letdown spoils National Champ.
4. Auburn (11-0-0) Started year as average team, ended playing really well
5. Nebraska (11-0-0) Beware of FSU
6. Texas A&M (10-0-1) Great defense
7. West Virginia (11-0-0) Don't whine, soft scheduling created 11-0. Couldn't beat atop,
8. Miami (9-0-2) A down year for the Canes
9. Florida (9-0-2) Sugar bowl bound
10. Pennn state (9-1-1) good year, but the Vols will pummel in Citrus.

## NCAA Pre-Season Changes and Predictions



**Howard Kong**  
Sports  
Writer

October 29, 1993 was not your ordinary night. At 11:59:55 P.M., the countdown began. Five, Four, Three, Two, One. Midnight Madness was underway as college arenas across the country erupted as their respective teams took to the courts, the first time since March. From the house that Dean Smith built to the Late Night with Roy Williams, the 301 Division I A basketball programs set their sights on being in Charlotte, N.C., Monday night on April 4, 1994 and earning that elusive title.

Although the perennial powerhouses are still present, college basketball underwent some rule changes. The 45 second clock has been dumped in favor of a 35 second clock. This new rule

should revive the Big East, formally the Big Haste, whose teams showcase a player's talent rather than a coach's. Teams such as Princeton and Temple can no longer assuredly control the tempo. The elimination of the 5-second rule, however, might counterbalance the shortened shot clock.

The NCAA basketball table has been set for the 1993-94 season. Who will win the national title? That's hard to say in a single elimination tournament. Anything can and will happen. So, chose your favorite team early, get all the paraphernalia you need, stick

with them, and watch as many of the 218 ESPN games as possible. Boast about which poll, the AP or the USA Today/CNN, has your team higher. If your team doesn't have a good basketball program, be very quiet and wait till, oh say football season, to start your trash-talking. But, remember, nothing is more annoying than a fair-weather fan.

## Preseason Top Ten:

1. North Carolina, 2. Kentucky, 3. Arkansas, 4. Duke, 5. Michigan, 6. California, 7. Louisville, 8. Temple, 9. Kansas, 10. Minnesota.

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## SPORTS

## M.B.A. Goes 6 and 5 With Lions Bowl Win



**Bradley Sloan**  
Sports  
Writer

The last half of the season for the Big Red Football team was a difficult one. Marked by numerous injuries and tough road games, the team forged on and ended the season on a positive note. The second half of the season began with the Big Red hosting Clarksville NE High School. With one of the fastest backs in Tennessee and a powerful wishbone attack, Clarksville posed a big threat to the mighty defense of the Big Red. The defense, however, came through and kept the opposition out of the zone all night while the offense, led by Parkes Owen, rolled up thirty-four points. The next week the team had to travel to Paris, TN to play the Patriots of Henry County. Excitement filled the air in Paris because of the mag-

nitude of this game. This game would help shape the picture for which team was bound for the playoffs. The game began with MBA jumping up early on the Patriots seven to zero. After twenty-three minutes of monstrous defense on the Big Red's side, Henry County



stumbled into the end zone and evened the score. Both teams came out in the second half ready to rumble. Our offense, however, could not get it going, and Henry Co. managed to pull off the victory 21 to 7. After an extremely hard-fought and physical battle, the

team had to come together once again for another road trip across town to play Coach 'Pig' and his Warriors from Hunter's Lane. This game was highlighted by Mark Garton's head's-up play when he stripped the ball from a Warrior defender in the end zone and tied the game 7 to 7. After a beautifully executed fake punt by MBA and a horrible call by the referee, the two teams were deadlocked at 14. With a minute left in the game, Hunter's Lane managed to find a way into the end zone and go up 21 to 14. MBA had one last shot at a score but Andrew Walker's pass was unfortunately picked off with 40 seconds left, sealing the victory for Hunter's Lane. The Big Red was pumped the next week for the showdown with Hillwood because the game was at home. This game was a crowd-pleaser because of all the offensive activity. But MBA prevailed 35 to 28 for it was the Seniors' best game on Tommy Owen field and they were determined to win in front of the Homecoming

crowd. The last regular season game took place the next week in Dickson, TN. MBA was poised to take on the Dickson County Cougars. From the first play of the game to the last, MBA's defense played probably the best it had played all season against the Stack-I attack of Dickson. MBA's misfortune came through five offensive turnovers, one leading to a touchdown and another settling for six. The game was extremely close but Dickson County came out on top 14 to 0. Finally, because the Big Red had won five games, the team

sealing the victory and a winning season for the Big Red. The lone score came early in the game when Matt King scampered in for six and JT Davenport kicked the extra point. At the banquet after the game, David Sifford was named MVP for MBA for a great game both offensively and defensively.

The team would like to thank all the coaches for the great job they did this year. We would also like to thank the many fans and cheerleaders that came out every week to support us and make out season great!



## The Montgomery Bell Grapplers Record Victories Although Plagued by Injuries



**Barrett Rose**  
Sports  
Writer

The M.B.A. Varsity Wrestling Team has started off its season recently with an undefeated record. In its first outing on November 23, the Big Red squared off in a quadrangular match versus Martin Luther King, Beech, and Hendersonville at M.B.A. Missing five starters, the team pulled together extremely well, with many freshman rising to the occasion and scoring team points. In the first match of the year, M.B.A. wrestled a somewhat uninspired match against Martin Luther King. However, team unity prevailed, and the Big Red edged the Lions 40-33.

In the next match, the grapplers set their sights on Beech, who had beaten M.B.A. in 1992 for the first time ever. Determined to avenge this

loss, the Big Red's excitement carried them to a 41-27 victory. In the final match of the evening, the wrestlers faced off against Hendersonville. With two matches under their belt, the team wrestled extremely well as they thwarted the Commandoes 46-27.

In their fourth match of the season, on December 2

District win. Pinning their opponents and scoring 6 team points each, were Chenault Sanders-135, Doug Zapf-140, and Barrett Rose-225. Scoring 5 team points was Andrew Sanders-103 with a 17-2 technical fall. Scoring a major win by eight or more points, worth 4 team points, was Andrew Douglas-130. Scoring minor wins by 3 points or fewer, worth three team points, were Alan Roe-125 and Cory Morgan-152. In its 45-24 district win over the Antioch Bears the Big Red wrestling team showed great promise for the long season ahead.

In the future, the wrestlers will compete in the Hendersonville Tournament December 4, the highly competitive Cleveland Dual Tournament December 8, and the Overton Tournament

December 17 and 18. The wrestlers need all the fan support they can get and they invite you to come out and learn about a great sport.



*Douglas Decapitates Opponent*

at M.B.A., the Big Red faced District rival Antioch. With a full lineup, minus injured Will McKeand and John Roe, the Big Red strove for its first

### Varsity Basketball Dates

January 4.....MBA at Antioch  
January 7.....Father Ryan at MBA  
January 8..... Pearl-Cohn at MBA  
January 14.....Muhlenburg KY. at KY.  
January 15.....Muhlenburg KY at KY.  
January 21.....MBA at Pearl-Cohn  
January 22.....Overton at MBA  
January 28.....Whites Creek at MBA  
February 1..... Hillwood at MBA  
February 4.....MBA at Overton  
February 7.....Maplewood at MBA (5:30)  
February 8.....MBA at McGavock  
February 11.....MBA at Father Ryan

### Varsity Wrestling

December 17-18.....Overton Tour  
December 30.....Franklin Duals  
January 5.....Overton at Overton  
January 7-8.....Ryan Tournament  
January 12.....Father Ryan at Ryan  
January 14..... Springfield at MBA  
January 21.....MBA at Hillwood  
January 22.....Grand Championship at David Lipscomb  
January 25.....MBA at Mt Juliet  
February 1.....Brentwood Academy at MBA  
February 2.....McGavock at MBA  
February 3.....Stratford/Hunters Lane at MBA  
February 11.....Region Tournament at MBA  
February 12.....Region Tournament at MBA  
February 17.....State Tournament at UTC  
February 19.....State Tournament at UTC

## SPORTS

## Cross-Country Finishes 10th in the State



**Taylor Harris**  
**X-Country Captain**

The cross-country team finished this year's season with a strong burst of energy that carried the team to victories in the Metro and Region meets and to a Top 10 finish in the State meet. The team accomplished these results because of the contributions of many runners. Athletes like Joey Martinez, Kenneth Pruitt, and John Farringer were called upon to replace injured runners such as Philip Guengerich, James Gunn, Jonathon Fly, Zach Skipper, and David Berry. They responded well and helped the other varsity runners, Jim Alley, Scott Bowen, Mark Wyckoff, Geoff Zimmerman, and Taylor Harris, destroy all

other local teams.

During the regular season district meets, coach

Robert Pruitt strategically ran MBA's junior varsity against other varsity teams in an effort to rest the varsity runners physically and mentally. Despite excellent efforts and improvements by the younger team members, the Big

Red j.v. did not win the regular season district title. In the Metro and Region championships, however, Coach Pruitt

unleashed the full firepower of his squad to the dismay of other teams and coaches. In

points. Geoff Zimmerman's 16:44, Mark Wyckoff's 16:27, and Scott Bowen's and Jim

Alley's near-17 minute performances highlighted the day.

On October 28, the cross-country team won its record-setting, 13th straight, consecutive, back-to-back... REGION

though no Big Red runner ran his best time. Floating on the cloud of its victory in the Region and its state record 16th consecutive birth in the Big Dance of high school cross-country (the State Meet), the Big Red cross-country team, decked out in several layers of clothing in order to combat the extreme cold and the flurries of snow, converged on the frosty Steeplechase on November 6th. The team raced to a tenth place finish, paced by Taylor Harris' personal best time of 16:03 for the three mile course.

The cross-country team had a great year and would like to thank all of its fans, especially the Fan of the Year and his court. Above all, though, the team appreciates the dedication, encouragement, and friendship of Coach Rundberg, Coach Corzine, and Coach Pruitt. Let's start logging those Winter Track miles!



*The 1993 tenth place State Meet M.B.A. Cross Country Team (see-saw by Pruitt)*

the Metro Championships, every runner set a personal record, as MBA outdistanced the competition by over 20

CHAMPIONSHIP (in a row). MBA defeated the second place team, Father Ryan, by well over 40 points, even

## Fairways and Greens: Boom Boom's Final Reflections



**Richard Douglas**  
**Staff Writer**

After the team try-outs in early September, Boom Boom (Richard), Underweed (Larry), Pooper (Cooper), Abdula Hindu (Jonathan), and Pookie (Stephen) were all eager to come, see, and conquer everyone in their paths.

The season began with a field trip to Cookeville where we would be competing in the Early Bird Prep at Cookeville C. C. We tied for third with Baylor behind Knoxville Farragut and Cookville. Everyone played exceptionally well, but we knew that our work was cut out for us. During the regular season, we faced many more challenges than in previous years. Stratford had finally emerged from the depths of cheesiness and actually tied us. Hillwood and Ryan also gave us a good match, but

let's be honest. Fortunately, we were able to defeat Pearl Cohn and Hillsboro by a combined 8,975 strokes in just nine holes.

During that match on Wednesday, I was able to read The Unvanquished by Faulkner, do a rough draft, and complete my final draft before it was due on Thursday. The regular season ended, and once again, the Big Red had compiled an impressive

loss from Brentwood High.

The District came and Boom Boom led the way with 72. Underwood followed with a 76, Pooper with a 77. Abdula Hindu and Pookie wore shirts that were too tight around the collar, and as they finished, they were gasping for some fresh air. Nevertheless, the team overcame Hillwood in a playoff to win the tournament.

Next week, we played the Region at Shelbyville. Today would be a day not looked upon favorably by the Big Red. The only sensation would be Underweed's domination and first place trophy after shooting 75. At the end of the day, Stratford had claimed the team trophy, and only Underweed and Boom Boom would advance to the State Tournament.

Unfortunately, Abdula Hindu wore the same shirt he had during the District, and Pooper had borrowed Pookie's shirt.

Without their team-

mates, Larry and Richard advanced to the State held at Henry Horton. At the end of 36 holes, Richard had shot 77, 78 and Larry had shot 77, 86.

Overall the team had a fine season full of doubles, triples, and quads.

Hopefully, Cooper and Gang will have a good season next year. I'm so sure they will, really.



*Underweed (Larry) unloads on the first hole*

P. S. - Thanks for everyone's support. There were so many fans, I could not possibly write to all of you, but thanks again.



*Boom Boom lays out a perfect drive*

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